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Focus on Morton Grove Public Library

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

The Morton Grove Public Library offers you a wealth of books, magazines, videos, cassettes and reference materials plus Internet access and use of PCs! September is Library Card Sign-up month - a time when the American Library Association reminds you to make sure to sign up for a Library card. For students, a Library card is the most important school supply of all - and it's free!

Summer Reading Program Ends August 28

Congratulations to the Summer Reading Program winners of the drawings and prizes contributed by Morton Grove businesses! Names of drawing winners are posted in the Library. Many thanks to the businesses who contributed prizes to the Adult and Children's Summer Reading Programs co-sponsored by the Library and Morton Grove Park District: **Morton Grove Theatre, Ravinia Music Festival, Panera Bread, Dunkin' Donuts, China Chef, Chinatown Restaurant, Maxwell's Restaurant and McDonald's.**

Travel to East Anglia

What are fens, broads, downs, a Suffolk Punch and bangers? What is the connection between Cambridge University and Cromwell's head? Visit Eastern England outside London and learn about wattle and daub, flint and magpie architecture as well as town signs, windmills, and oast houses. **Myrla Brand presents an informative travelog Sunday, Sept. 19 at 2 pm.**

An American in Paris Travelogue with Lee Gibbs

Visit the sidewalk cafes that were frequented by artists and musicians during the Jazz Age **Sunday, October 17 at 2 pm.** Lee Gibbs shows pictures of the famous sites of Paris as well as some unfamiliar places not frequented by tourists.

How Do I Stay in My Own Home?

Adult Supportive Services in Morton Grove

Maintaining one's own home and independent lifestyle can become difficult and hazardous due to illness, advancing age, and other factors. Find out about the kinds of services and options available to Morton Grove residents that are designed to provide individualized assistance for adults who want to stay in their own homes. Professionals working in the areas of health care, nutrition, socialization, recreation, and legal aspects of housing will present practical information for senior adults and their families **Sunday, Sept. 26 at 2 pm.** Refreshments will be served. **Please call 965-4220 or stop by the Reference Services Desk to make your reservation by September 22.**

Spider Saloff Sings Gershwin

Jazz singer Spider Saloff has been critically acclaimed both nationally and internationally. The *Chicago Tribune* called her "one of the finest jazz singers working in this or any other city." Her concert, *Spider Saloff Sings Gershwin*, has been touring the U.S. since 1996 and most recently played in Russia. She has appeared in jazz and night club venues in New York, Chicago, and other cities and appears in the Baxter Room **Sunday, Oct. 3 at 2 pm.**. Check out her CDs at the Library prior to the concert!

Musical Revue

More than a concert! The Musical Revue performs favorite melodies with clever choreography **Thurs., Oct. 7 at 1:30.** Come watch, listen, and sing along with 30 volunteer vocalists sponsored by Metropolitan Family Services.

The Library will be closed Monday, Sept. 6 in observance of Labor Day.

Beginning Sept. 12, the Library will reopen on Sundays from 1-5.

MGPL Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 9 - 9
Fri. 9 - 6, Sat. 9 - 5
Sun. 1 - 5

Mark your calendar!

Calendar Summary

September

9/5	Su		Library Closed for Labor Day
9/7	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
9/9	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
9/13	Mo	11:00 2:30, 7:00	Feature Film: *Notting Hill*, 123 minutes, PG-13
9/14	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
9/19	Su	2:00	Travelogue: East Anglia
9/21	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
9/28	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
9/28	Tu	7:30	Book Discussion Group: *American Pastoral*

October

10/3	Su	200	Spider Saloff sings Gershwin
10/5	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
10/7	Th	1:30	Musical Review
10/11	Mo	11:00 2:30, 7:00	Feature Film: *Shakespeare in Love*, 120 min, R
10/12	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
10/14	Th	7:45	Board Meeting
10/16	Sa	11:00	Internet in Russian
10/17	Su	2:00	Travelogue: France
10/19	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
10/24	Su	2:00	Lyric Opera Lecture
10/26	Tu	11:30	Lunchtime Videos
10/26	Tu	7:30	Book Discussion Group: *Angela's Ashes*

Check our complete calendar on the Web at http://www.webrary.org/inside/calcurr.html

Sign up for MatchBook ...

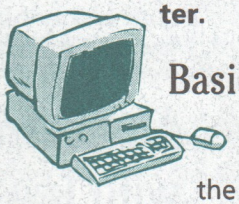
...a personalized reading service that matches your individual interests with new materials at the Library on a monthly basis. Fill out a Patron Profile at the Reference Services Desk and receive a monthly listing of new books in the Library that match your profile.

Programs

October is Computer Learning Month

Computer Classes at the Library

Registration for some of the following computer training programs is limited. Priority is given to Morton Grove residents. To register, call 965-4220 or sign-up at the Reference Services Desk. Please have your Library card number when you call to register.



Basic Internet: Lecture and Demonstration

On **Sat., October 23 at 1:00,** the presentation will cover a brief history of the Internet, basic terminology, and the scope of information available on the Internet. Those who attend this introductory lecture and demonstration will be eligible to register for an individual, hands-on tutoring session covering basic Internet navigational skills to be scheduled later in October. **Registration for the lecture begins October 4 and is limited to 50 residents of Morton Grove.**

The Internet in Russian

The Library's Russian Web site will be the basis for discussion on **Saturday, October 16, at 11:00 am.** The site is displayed in Russian on computers with Cyrillic fonts installed and contains information about the Library as well as links to numerous Russian-language Web sites around the world. Registration for this program begins October 4th.

Lunchtime Videos

Pack a brown-bag lunch and head to the Library every **Tuesday at 11:30 am** for Lunch Time Videos. Travel to far-away places, listen to thought-provoking discussions or meet historical figures during this $1\frac{1}{2}$ hour video program. Coffee, ice water, and sweet treats are provided.

Book Discussion Group

Thinking Out Loud, the Library's book discussion group, meets **Tues., Sept. 28 at 7:30 pm in the Board Room** to discuss *American Pastoral* by Philip Roth. Copies of the book are available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Reference Services Desk.

On **October 26,** the group will discuss *Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt.* The discussion starts at 7:30 pm. Copies of the book are available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Reference Services Desk.

Kids Programs

26th Annual Art Contest

Listed below are the winners of the Library's 26th annual Art Contest which ended June 1st. Seventy-four entries were received. Winning artwork is now on display in the east stairwell of the Library.

1st Place: Samantha Nettnin, St. John Brebeuf, Kindergarten; Felice Chan, Nelson, Grade 1; Kelly Uhrik, St. Martha, Grade 2; Amal Japanwala, Park View, Grade 4; Peter Cho, Nelson, Grade 4; Mary Maliakal, St. Catherine Laboure, Grade 6; Julie Truong, Park View, Grade 6

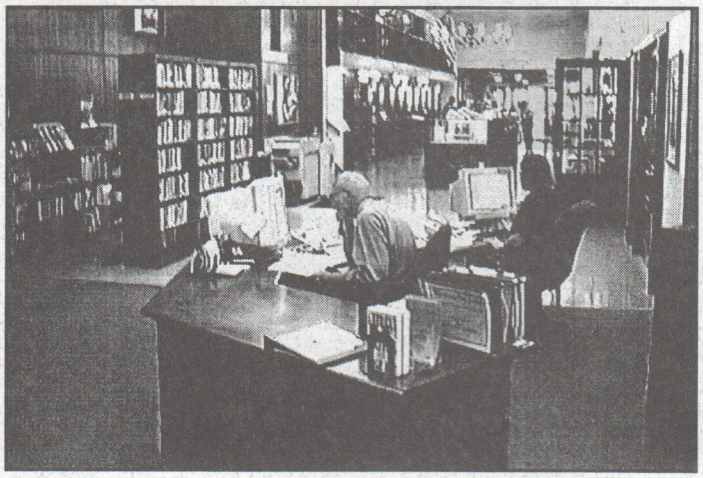
2nd Place: Yassaman Shemirani, St. John Brebeuf, Kindergarten; Preksha Agnihotri, Nelson, Grade 2; Ronald Vick, St. John Brebeuf, Grade 2; Belinda Daniel, Solomon Schechter, Grade 4; Becky Daniel, Solomon Schechter, Grade 3; Michael Khatchadourian, Nelson, Grade 5; Neha Agnihotri, Nelson, Grade 5

3rd Place: Nick Wheeler, St, Martha, Kindergarten; Leesha Maliakal, St. Catherine Laboure, Grade 1; David Robertson, Edison, Grade 3; Masooma Khan, Golf, Grade 5

Honorable Mention: Maryam Khan, Hynes, Grade 2

Dinosaur Derby Begins in September

Kids, watch for news of Dinosaur Derby, the Library's school-year reading program, which will begin in September. Flyers will be distributed through the schools.



Reference Services Desk Debuts

What happens when the Library's Reader's Service and Reference Desks are combined? More efficient and effective service! In early August, the two desks were merged into the new Reference Services Desk now staffed by two librarians. The new desk is more visible and ensures better service since resources are consolidated in one location.

Other first floor changes include: a computer center containing Internet PCs as well as general use computers behind the Reference Services Desk; and the relocation of the large print books into the Magazine Reading Room, adjacent to comfortable seating.

Come see the new arrangement!

Children's Classes

Fall session begins the week of October 11, 1999. Enrollment is limited. Open enrollment begins September 13 for Morton Grove residents and September 20 for non-residents. Phone registrations will be taken after 9:30am. Classes end Dec.3.

Library Playtime for 2 1/2-Year-Olds & Parents
Thursday 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents

Pre-School Storytime
Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten:
Wednesday 10:00 am
Thursday 6:45 pm
Class limit – 30

Stories & Stuff
Grades 1-2
Monday 7:00 pm
Class limit – 12

Arts & Crafts
Grades 1-3 Mon. 4 pm
Grades 4-6 Fri. 4 pm
Class limit – 15

Creative Writing
Please choose one of the following:
Grades 3-6
Wed. or Thurs. 4 pm
Class limit - 40

Drop-in Storytime
Tuesdays at 1:30. No registration.

Lyric Opera Lecture Series

Kip Kelley inaugurates the new opera lecture series with a presentation on ***Alcina*** **Sunday, October 24 at 2 pm in the Baxter Room.**

Films

Notting Hill

Monday, September 13 at 11:00am, 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm Rated PG-13, 123 minutes

Anna Scott, an American movie star (played by Julia Roberts) and William Thacker, a London bookseller (Hugh Grant) fall in love amidst comical situations and characters in their very different lives.

Shakespeare in Love

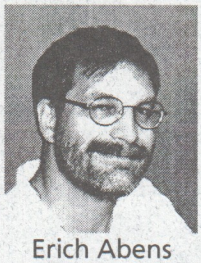
Monday, October 11 at 11:00am, 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm, Rated R, 120 minutes

The young William Shakespeare is a struggling playwright with writer's block in competition with his rival, Christopher Marlowe. Shakespeare falls in love with Viola, who dresses up as a man to act in his theater.

Board of Trustees

Pictured below are the members of the Library's Board of Trustees. Welcome to three new Board members: Erich Abens, Renée Miller, and Dr. Walter Zinn.

Yvonne Ryden, President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Reference Round-up

Students can rest easy knowing that the Library is well prepared for the new school year! The in-depth information found in many new subject encyclopedias is available to help them with their research assignments.

Worldmark Encyclopedia of Cultures and Daily Life details 500 culture groups in 4 volumes: Africa, the Americas, Asia/Oceania, and Europe. Each volume begins with a description of the historical development of the region's culture, followed by articles on current practices and daily life of its peoples.

The 3 volumes of the ***Encyclopedia of Civil Rights in America*** include articles on both individual and group rights in the USA, Canada, and Mexico. Nearly 700 articles on particular events and patterns of discrimination include over 100 articles on relevant court cases.

Van Nostrand's ***Scientific Encyclopedia*** provides concise, readable information on topics in all the sciences from information science to environmental science - in just two volumes.

The multi-volume ***Gale Encyclopedia of Native American Tribes*** describes 400 Native American groups in 13 geographic regions. An overview essay on the peoples of the area is followed by profiles of each tribal group.

In the four volumes of the ***Encyclopedia of Africa South of the Sahara,*** the emphasis is on the culture and history of African peoples with a focus on the post-independence era.

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